

Amendment to the Claims:

Before claim 1, please delete the word "Claims" and substitute the following:

What is claimed is:

Claims 1 – 6: Cancelled.

Please add the following new claims 7-11 as follows:

7. (New) A leg support arrangement for an operating table with two leg supports, which leg supports are so connected with a base element of an operating table that they are adjustable between a fundamental position in which they lie close to one another parallel to the longitudinal middle axis of the operating table and a spread position in which they have a spacing from the longitudinal middle axis, wherein each leg support is connected with the base element by means of a parallelogram joint whose joint axes are oriented perpendicular to the plane of the base element, wherein each leg support includes an upper leg support and a lower leg support each of which is movable by a folding joint about a horizontal axis relative to the base element and are pivotal relative to one another, that each upper leg support is connected with a connecting piece by two parallelogram joint forming links, to which connecting piece the first ends of the links are pivotally connected and which connecting piece is pivotally connected with the base element for movement about the folding axis for the upper leg support, and that the second ends of the links are pivotally connected to the upper leg support onto which the folding joint for the lower leg support is formed.

8. (New) The leg support arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the upper leg support includes a connecting member and an upper leg plate releasably connected with the connecting member, with the links being pivotally connected to the connecting member and with the folding joint for the lower leg support being formed on the connecting member.

9. (New) The leg support arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the lower leg support includes a lower leg strut and a lower leg plate releasably connectable with the lower leg strut.

10. (New) The leg support arrangement according to claim 2, wherein the lower leg strut is connected by a spreading joint with a joint arm which is connected with the connecting member by means of the folding joint for the lower leg support, with the axis of the spreading joint being oriented perpendicular to the axis of the folding joint and perpendicular to the plane of the lower leg support plate.
11. (New) The leg support arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the connecting piece is insertable into a receiver fixed to the operating table, which receiver is part of the folding joint for the upper leg support.